Investment in ports and shipping

1000. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Government are considering to invest Rs. 61,000 crores on ports and Rs. 40,000 crores on shopping in the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government expects private players to pump in as much as Rs. 39,000 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government has taken up preparation of the National Maritime Development Programme which would include specific schemes and projects to be taken upto 2011-12. The total investment in the proposed Programme is estimated to be Rs. 1,00,000 crores comprising about Rs. 60,000 crores for port sector and about Rs. 40,000 crores for shipping and inland water transport sector.

(c) and (d) It is expected that Rs. 14256 crores would be invested by private sector in shipping and about Rs. 33,500 crores in port sector.

Inland Water Transport

1001. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme in force for developing Inland Water Transport in the country;

(b) if so, the features of the scheme;

(c) the names of the States in which it is in force;

(d) whether the State of Goa has given any proposal in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Development of only those inland waterways which are declared as National waterways come under the purview of the Central Government. The development and

regulation of the waterways other than national waterways is the responsibility of the respective State Government. Development of basic Inland Water Transport infrastructure on three national waterways is being done by Inland Waterways Authority of India through grants provided by Central Government.

For encouraging State Government to develop inland water transport, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) is in force, under which, 100% grant to North-Eastern States including Sikkim and 90% grant to the other States is provided. Under this scheme, survey/studies, waterway development, navigational aids, terminal facilities, supervision and consultancy for taking up and monitoring of these activities can be undertaken by the respective States.

(c) This scheme (CSS) is applicable to all the States and Union Territories of the country.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. A project proposal for conductiong hydrographic survey of Mapusa, Chapora and Sal rivers was received from the State Government of Goa. This project has been sanctioned by the Central Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 109.08 lakhs.

Road bridge across Godavari

1002. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Road Safety Forum has represented for the need for a Survey by Government and the NHAI for a Third road bridge across the River Godavari above Kovvur-Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the specific reasons cited by the Road Safety Forum in making this demand;

(c) what are the reasons cited by NHAI for not doing this survey;

(d) whether NHAI would try to meet the demand of the public in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.